Sl. No.	District	1993-94 Achievement	1994-95 Achievement	1995-96 Achievement
9.	Ahemedabad	283	165	288
10.	Surendranagar	192	240	174
11.	Mehsana	443	177	336
12.	Banaskantha	343	165	236
13.	Rajkot	392	205	195
14.	Amreli	172	166	274
15.	Junagadh	501	248	200
16.	Bhavnagar	394	170	254
17.	Jamnagar	274	178	359
18.	Kutch	301	110	115
19.	Gandhinagar	—	30	194
	Total:	6340	3170	5000

Central Assistance for Community and Institutional Bio-Gas Plants

2455. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Central assistance is provided to States for installing community and institutional bio-gas plants in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of community and institutional bio-gas plants established in Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise; and

(d) the number of such plant likely to be set up during 1996-97 in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Sector Scheme, "Community, Institutional and Night-soil Based Biogas Planats Programme" provides for subsidy in fixed amounts ranging from 33 to 50 per cent of the estimated cost for institutional and community plants and 50 to 90 per cent for night-soil based plants. Besides, funds are also given for revival of old non-functional plants as a one time measure and for project contingencies to State nodal departments and agencies.

(c) The information is given in the Statement (see below)

(d) For 1996-97, a target of setting up of 57 such plants has been planned for the State of Maharashtra.

Statement

District-wise number of community and institutional biogas plants including night-soil based biogas plants set up in the State of Maharashtra during the last three years

District	Year-wise number of biogas plants set up		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Ahmednagar	6	7	14
Amravati	3	2	2
Kolhapur	5	3	6
Aurangabad	—	—	1
Thane	—	4	2
Nasik	1	—	4
Latur	3	—	1
Yavatmal	3	—	2
Jalana	3	—	—
Pune	2	3	2
Singhudurg	—	1	—
Nagpur	—	1	—
Mumbai	—	2	—

District	Year-wise number of biogas plants set up		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Akola	—	1	2
Sangli	—	1	2
Jalgaon	—	1	1
Beed	—	—	2
Osmanabad	—	4	2
Solapur	—	4	2
Parbhani	4	—	1
Dhule	—	3	7
Nanded	4	—	2

Non-Supply of Gas to HFC and Assam Petroleum

2456. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of natural gas produced during the last three years in the country;

(b) the quantum of gas flared in Assam oilfields during the same period;

(c) whether the Fertilizer Plant of HFC and Assam Petrochem Unit at Namrup are suffering due to non-supply of gas, despite flaring of the gas; and

(d) whether gas is being preserved for use by private investors while starving the State-run units: if not, the steps taken to augment the supply of gas to Namrup plants of HFC and Assam Petrochem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SH. T. R. BAALU): (a) the quantum of natural gas produced during the last three years in the country was 50.23, 53.33 and 61.85 MMSCMD respectively.

(b) The quantum of gas flared in Assam during the same period was 1.82, 1.53 and 1.01 MMSCMD.

(c) Gas is being supplied to Assam Petrochemicals, Namrup according to their requirement. HFC, Namrup is currently drawing upto 0.36 MMSCMD against 0.48 MMSCMD available from ONCC and 0.80 MMSCMD against 1.1 MMSCMD available from OIL.

(d) No, Sir. The supply to HFC, Namrup has been augmented by setting up compressors to put low presure gas into the grid.

Wastage of fruits and Vegetables for lack of processing facilities

2457. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) has reported that India does not have adequate facilities to process excess fruits and vegetables and as much as 22 percent of the produce is lost every year due to over-ripenning and wastage;

(b) whether the installed capacity of processing units is mere 2.5 per cent and the capacity utilisation of must of these plants has been below 50 per cent; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to increase their installed capacity to achieve a respectable level of utilisation of fruits and vegetables into packed products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) While the report of Technology Information and Forecasting Assessment Council has not been received by this Ministry and survey has been conducted to assess the perishing and non-utilisation of fruits and vegetables, it is estimated that quality deterioration of loss in value that takes place is about 25 to 30% in some fruits and vegetables due to inadequacy of infrastructure and perishability of the produce.

(b) It is estimated that the installed capacity of fruits and vegetable processing industry on 1.1.96 was 17.6 lakh tonnes. The production during the year 1995 is estimated at 8.5 lakh tonnes.